

single player is then credited for each dealer hold hand that is beat by the player hold hand and the casino is credited for each dealer hold hand that is not beat by a player hold hand, so that the single player carries out multiple games of blackjack based on the player hold hand.

2. IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated below:

1. (Once Amended) [A] An electronic gaming method based on a Blackjack card game played according to a set of rules of Blackjack, the gaming method using a dealer hold criteria and allowing a single player at a location to play blackjack against a plurality of dealers from a casino, the gaming method comprising:

Providing a player selected number of dealer hand positions comprising of at least two dealer hand positions;

Providing a single player hand position;

Providing wager placement positions corresponding with each dealer hand position;

Crediting the player for a wager placed in each wager position;

Dealing a pair of cards to the player to create a player hand;

Dealing a pair of cards to each of the dealers, each of the dealers receiving one card face up;

Dealing cards to the player at the request of the player to create a player hold hand;

Dealing cards to each dealer based on the dealer hold criteria to create a dealer hold hand for each dealer;

Then comparing, based on the rules of Blackjack, the single player hold hand to each dealer hold hand to determine if the player hold hand wins over any of the dealer hold hands and crediting the single player for each dealer hold hand that is beat by the player hold hand and crediting the casino for each dealer hold hand that is not beat by a player hold hand, so that the single player carries out multiple games of blackjack based on the player hold hand.

7. (Once Amended) An electronic gaming method to be displayed on a display screen, the gaming method based on a Blackjack card game played according to a set of rules of Blackjack, the gaming method being played on a gaming terminal having a display screen, a memory, and a processor, the method using a dealer hold criteria and allowing a single player at a location to play blackjack against several dealers from a casino, the gaming method comprising:

Providing a number of independent dealer hand positions, the number of independent dealer hand positions being selected by the single player and comprising at least two independent dealer hand positions displayed on the display screen;
Providing a single player position displayed on the display

screen, the single player position having a player selected number of at least one player hand positions;

Providing wager placement positions displayed on the display screen, the wager placement positions corresponding to each dealer hand position and each player hand position;

Crediting the player for a wager placed in each wager position;

Dealing a pair of cards to the player at each player hand position;

Electronically dealing a pair of cards to each of the dealers, each of the dealers receiving one card face up; and
Electronically dealing cards to each of the player hand positions at the request of the player to create a set of player hold hands;

Dealing cards to each dealer based on the dealer hold criteria to create a dealer hold hand for each dealer;

Then comparing, based on the rules of Blackjack, each of the player hold hand to each dealer hold hand to determine if the player hold hand wins over any of the dealer hold hands and crediting the single player for each dealer hold hand that is beat by the player hold hand and crediting the casino for each dealer hold hand that is not beat by a player hold hand, so that the single player carries out multiple games of blackjack based on the player hold hand.

12. (Once Amended) An electronic gaming system based on a Blackjack card game played according to a set of rules of Blackjack, the gaming system using a dealer hold criteria and allowing a single player at a location to play blackjack against several dealers from a casino, the gaming system comprising: A gaming station having a display screen, a memory, and a processor, the screen of the gaming station displaying:

User selectable quantity of dealer hand positions, the quantity of dealer hand positions being at least two dealer hand positions;
a single player hand position; and
wager placement positions corresponding with each dealer hand position;

the system being programmed for:

crediting the player for a wager placed in each wager position;
Dealing a pair of cards to the player;
Dealing a pair of cards to each of the dealers, each of the dealers receiving one card face up; and
Dealing cards to the player at the request of the player to create a player hold hand;
Dealing cards to each dealer based on the dealer hold criteria to create a dealer hold hand for each dealer;
Then comparing, based on the rules of Blackjack, the player hold hand to each dealer hold hand to determine if the player hold hand wins over any of the dealer hold hands and

crediting the single player for each dealer hold hand that is beat by the player hold hand and crediting the casino for each dealer hold hand that is not beat by a player hold hand, so that the single player carries out multiple games of blackjack based on the player hold hand.

13. (Once Amended) A [sytem] system according to claim 12 wherein the processor has been programmed for carrying out the dealer hold criteria with the use of the processor.

Amended Claims in Clean form:

1. An electronic gaming method based on a Blackjack card game played according to a set of rules of Blackjack, the gaming method using a dealer hold criteria and allowing a single player at a location to play blackjack against a plurality of dealers from a casino, the gaming method comprising:

Providing a player selected number of dealer hand positions comprising of at least two dealer hand positions;

Providing a single player hand position;

Providing wager placement positions corresponding with each dealer hand position;

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Crediting the player for a wager placed in each wager position;

Dealing a pair of cards to the player to create a player hand;

Dealing a pair of cards to each of the dealers, each of the dealers receiving one card face up;

Dealing cards to the player at the request of the player to create a player hold hand;

Dealing cards to each dealer based on the dealer hold criteria to create a dealer hold hand for each dealer;

Then comparing, based on the rules of Blackjack, the single player hold hand to each dealer hold hand to determine if the player hold hand wins over any of the dealer hold hands and crediting the single player for each dealer hold hand

112 that is beat by the player hold hand and crediting the casino for each dealer hold hand that is not beat by a player hold hand, so that the single player carries out multiple games of blackjack based on the player hold hand.

7. An electronic gaming method to be displayed on a display screen, the gaming method based on a Blackjack card game played according to a set of rules of Blackjack, the gaming method being played on a gaming terminal having a display screen, a memory, and a processor, the method using a dealer hold criteria and allowing a single player at a location to play blackjack against several dealers from a casino, the gaming method comprising:

113 Providing a number of independent dealer hand positions, the number of independent dealer hand positions being selected by the single player and comprising at least two independent dealer hand positions displayed on the display screen;

Providing a single player position displayed on the display screen, the single player position having a player selected number of at least one player hand positions;

Providing wager placement positions displayed on the display screen, the wager placement positions corresponding to each dealer hand position and each player hand position;

Crediting the player for a wager placed in each wager position;

Dealing a pair of cards to the player at each player hand position;

Electronically dealing a pair of cards to each of the dealers, each of the dealers receiving one card face up; and Electronically dealing cards to each of the player hand positions at the request of the player to create a set of player hold hands;

Dealing cards to each dealer based on the dealer hold criteria to create a dealer hold hand for each dealer;

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Then comparing, based on the rules of Blackjack, each of the player hold hand to each dealer hold hand to determine if the player hold hand wins over any of the dealer hold hands and crediting the single player for each dealer hold hand that is beat by the player hold hand and crediting the casino for each dealer hold hand that is not beat by a player hold hand, so that the single player carries out multiple games of blackjack based on the player hold hand.

12. An electronic gaming system based on a Blackjack card game played according to a set of rules of Blackjack, the gaming system using a dealer hold criteria and allowing a single player at a location to play blackjack against several dealers from a casino, the gaming system comprising:

A4 A gaming station having a display screen, a memory, and a processor, the screen of the gaming station displaying:

User selectable quantity of dealer hand positions, the quantity of dealer hand positions being at least two

dealer hand positions;
a single player hand position; and
wager placement positions corresponding with each
dealer hand position;

the system being programmed for:

crediting the player for a wager placed in each wager
position;

Dealing a pair of cards to the player;

Dealing a pair of cards to each of the dealers, each of the
dealers receiving one card face up; and

Dealing cards to the player at the request of the player to
create a player hold hand;

Dealing cards to each dealer based on the dealer hold
criteria to create a dealer hold hand for each dealer;

Then comparing, based on the rules of Blackjack, the player
hold hand to each dealer hold hand to determine if the
player hold hand wins over any of the dealer hold hands and
crediting the single player for each dealer hold hand that
is beat by the player hold hand and crediting the casino for
each dealer hold hand that is not beat by a player hold
hand, so that the single player carries out multiple games
of blackjack based on the player hold hand.

13. A system according to claim 12 wherein the processor has
been programmed for carrying out the dealer hold criteria with
the use of the processor.